# INTERIM ACTUARIAL VALUATION

# CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

AT JUNE 30, 2005

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December 7, 2005

State of Connecticut
State Employees Retirement Commission
55 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Re:

Connecticut State Employees Retirement System June 30, 2005 Actuarial Valuation

Members of the Commission:

At your request, we have made an interim actuarial valuation of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System (SERS) as of June 30, 2005. The results of the valuation are contained in the following report.

Section I contains an Executive Summary in which we present the principal results of this valuation. Details regarding SERS assets and liabilities are found in Sections II and III respectively. The Appendices contain information regarding SERS membership, an outline of the benefit provisions, and a description of the actuarial methods and assumptions employed in this valuation.

The actuarially determined contribution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 is \$663,926,351. This contribution was developed from the June 30, 2004 actuarial valuation and is not changed as a result of this interim valuation.

Respectfully submitted,

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# SECTION I

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have performed an interim actuarial valuation of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2005. The results of this valuation, along with supporting data, are set forth in the following report. Appendix B describes the principal provisions of the System upon which the valuation is based.

In preparing this report, we relied on employee census data and financial information as of the valuation date, furnished by the State of Connecticut. We performed a limited review of the data used directly in our analysis for reasonableness and consistency and have found them to be reasonably consistent and comparable with data used for other purposes. If the underlying data or information is inaccurate or incomplete, the results of our analysis may likewise be inaccurate or incomplete and our calculations may need to be revised. If there are material defects in the data, it is possible that they would be uncovered by a detailed, systematic review and comparison of the data to search for data values that are questionable or for relationships that are materially inconsistent. Such a review was beyond the scope of our assignment.

The calculations reported herein have been made on a basis consistent with our understanding of the Connecticut General Statutes with guidance from the Retirement Commission. Additional determinations may be needed for purposes other than meeting funding requirements, such as judging benefit security at plan termination or meeting employer accounting requirements. On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate and all costs and liabilities were determined in conformance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices based on the actuarial methods and assumptions adopted by the System. Differences between our projections and actual amounts depend on the extent to which future experience conforms to the assumptions made for this analysis. Actual experience will not conform exactly to the assumptions made for this analysis. Actual amounts will differ from projected amounts to the extent that actual experience deviates from expected experience.

We are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

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December 7, 2005

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

Starting with the June 30, 1998 valuation, complete actuarial valuations are performed only in even years. This report presents the results of the June 30, 2005 interim actuarial valuation of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System (SERS). The primary purposes for performing the valuation are:

- to disclose asset and liability measures as of June 30, 2005; and
- to analyze and report on trends in SERS assets and liabilities over the past several years.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The executive summary contains the following information:

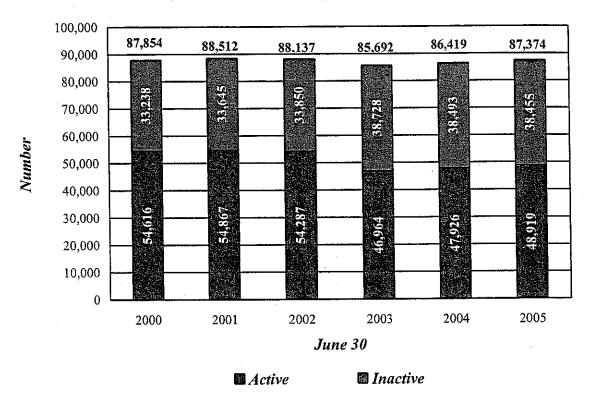
- Major Findings... shows graphically, key results for several years.
- Discussion of Results... highlights the major events influencing this valuation.
- Principal Results... Contains a summary of comparative statistics for the current and prior valuations.

#### SPECIAL NOTE

The July 1, 2004 valuation was based on an estimate of the market value of assets as of June 30, 2004 reported to us by the State Treasurer on November 5, 2004. We were subsequently supplied with finalized asset information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. We have used this finalized information to recalculate the Actuarial Value of Assets as of June 30, 2004. The difference in values was nominal.

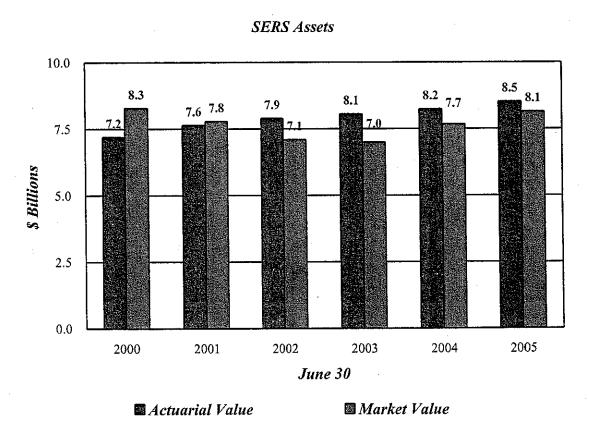
#### **MAJOR FINDINGS**





The total number of members has remained relatively steady over the period shown above. However, the composition of the membership has changed significantly. For the years from 2000 through 2002, 62% of the membership was active; now, as a result of the 2003 ERIP, many more members are retired and only 56% of the membership is active. Between 2004 and 2005, the active membership grew by 993 members.

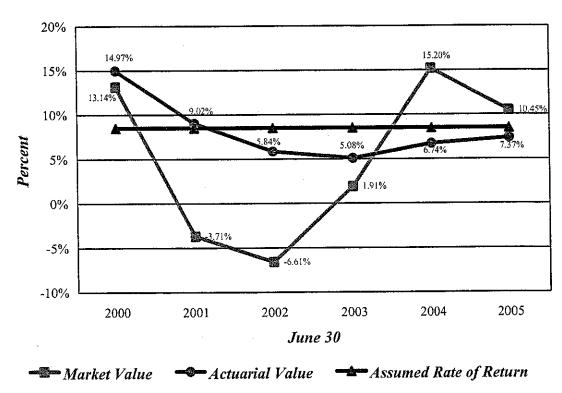
#### **MAJOR FINDINGS**



FY05 was the second good year in a row. The market value grew from \$7.7 billion to \$8.1 billion. This is welcome news after 3 years of sub-par performance. Contributions during the past year were \$570 million; benefit payments totaled \$888 million. The actuarial value grew from \$8.2 billion to \$8.5 billion.

#### **MAJOR FINDINGS**

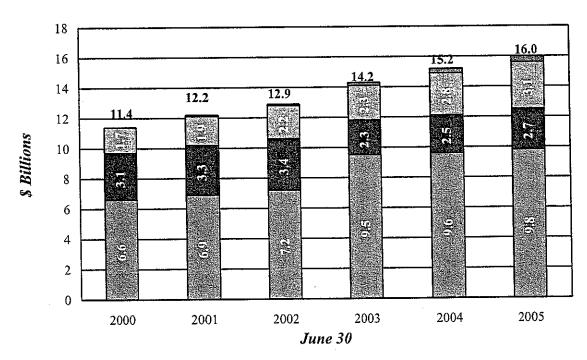




This graph shows the historical rates of return on a market value basis, the impact of 'smoothing' (the rates shown on an actuarial value basis), and the 'benchmark' (our 8.50% assumed rate of return). During FY05, the rate of return on a Market Value basis was 10.45%. The corresponding rate of return on an Actuarial Value basis was 7.37%, reflecting the gradual recognition of losses in prior years. This graph demonstrates that our smoothing technique works well in dampening market volatility.

#### **MAJOR FINDINGS**

#### Actuarial Liabilities

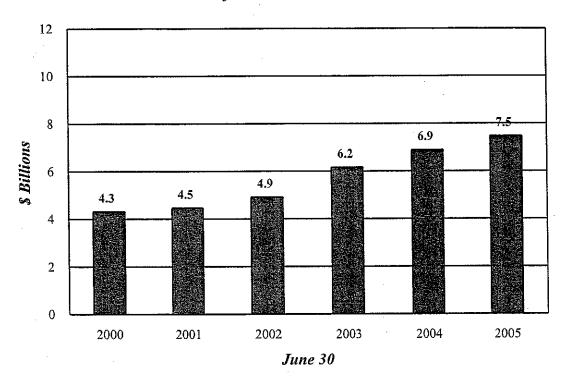


Inactives Tier I Actives I Tier II Actives I Tier IIA Actives

This graph shows the Actuarial Liability by group. The 2003 Early Retirement Incentive Program caused a noticeable shift of Actuarial Liability from Active to Inactive. The inactive liability increased slightly from last year, as did the active liability for all Tiers. During the past year, we observed that more members in Tiers I and II remained employed (instead of retiring) than anticipated by our actuarial assumptions.

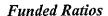
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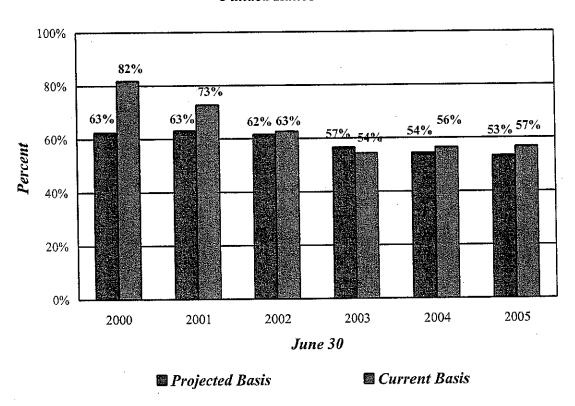
# **Unfunded Liabilities**



Unfunded actuarial liabilities have increased with this valuation. We expect some increase as a normal outgrowth of the method of paying off this liability: a number of years of increase followed by a gradual decline. The unfunded liabilities grew from 2004 to 2005 due to the gradual recognition of investment losses from 2000-2002 and to modest liability losses.

#### **MAJOR FINDINGS**





The System's Funded Ratio tracks the relationship between the System's assets and liabilities. The Employer's contribution is based on projected liabilities (the Actuarial Liability) and smoothed assets (the Actuarial Value of Assets); the Funded Ratio - Projected Basis tracks these amounts.

The Funded Ratio - Current Basis looks at the SERS liability for benefits already earned (the Present Value of Accrued Benefits) compared to the assets currently available (the Market Value of Assets). This ratio indicates the System's ability to fund current benefits.

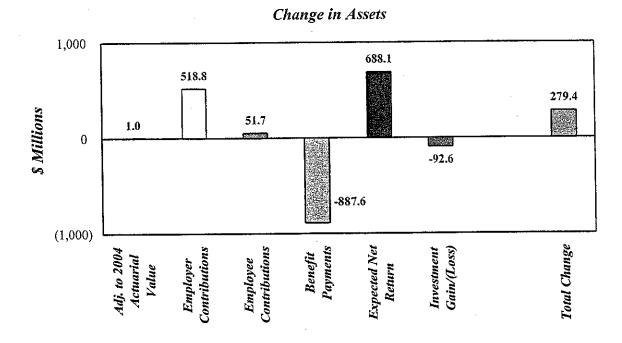
#### **DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

In this section of the Executive Summary, we will discuss the significant events impacting the June 30, 2005 actuarial valuation.

#### I. Investment Experience

The investment performance was strong during the past year. The actual return was 10.45% on a market value basis compared to 15.20% for the prior fiscal year. On a smoothed actuarial basis, the rate was 7.37% compared to 6.74% for the prior valuation, reflecting continuing recognition of market losses from the low returns from the prior three years. The assumed rate is 8.50%.

Between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, the actuarial value of assets (measured on a five year smoothing basis) increased by \$279.4 million. This change was attributable to the following:



The expected total return on investments shown above is based on an assumed rate of return of 8.50%. However, the recognized investment earnings of \$595.5 million over the year resulted in an actuarial loss of \$92.6 million. More details on SERS assets are presented in Section II of this report.

#### **DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

#### II. Membership

System membership has changed modestly over the past year:

		Deferred				Total
	Active	Vested	Retired	Disabled	Benefic.	Members
Count on June 30, 2004	47,926	1,744	30,345	2,938	3,466	86,419
Left System	(1,942)	(23)	(936)	(121)	(179)	(3,201)
Terminated Vested	(68)	68	0	. 0	0	0
Retired	(450)	(83)	533	0	0	0
Disabled	(179)	(2)	1	177	3	0
Died w/beneficiary	(3)	0	(15)	0	18	0
Rehired	37	(33)	(2)	0	(2)	0
New	3,598	79	131	73	275	4,156
Count on June 30, 2005	48,919	1,750	30,057	3,067	3,581	87,374

As expected, we have seen a shift in the active population from the closed Tier I and Tier II groups, with new employees entering the new Tier IIA group:

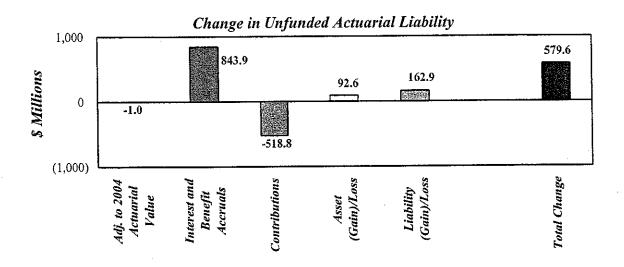
Count on June 30, 2003 percentage of total	<b>Tier I</b> 8,561 18%	<i>Tier II</i> 25,819 55%	<i>Tier IIA</i> 12,584 27%	<b>Total</b> 46,964
Count on June 30, 2004 percentage of total	8,404 18%	25,126 52%	14,396 30%	47,926
Count on June 30, 2005 percentage of total	8,225 17%	24,452 50%	16,242 33%	48,919

More information on SERS membership can be found in Appendix A.

#### **DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

#### III. Unfunded Actuarial Liability

The unfunded actuarial liability is the shortfall between SERS projected liabilities and assets. Since July 1, 2004, the unfunded actuarial liability increased from \$6.9 billion to \$7.5 billion. Each year the unfunded liability increases because of interest and expected benefit accruals and decreases by contributions made to the fund. Asset and liability gains and losses also impact the unfunded liability, as do plan changes and experience. The following chart shows the development of the unfunded actuarial liability from 2004 to 2005:



The liability loss of \$162.9 million over the past year is small (1.0%) when compared to the total SERS liability of \$15,987.5 million. It is attributable to the difference between actual and expected experience with respect to the number of retirements, employment terminations, disabilities and deaths. Salary increases and new employees also contribute to experience gains and losses. During FY05, the liability loss was a combination of small factors, including fewer than expected terminations and retirements from the active membership.

SECTION II

SERS Assets

In this section we present the values assigned to the assets held by SERS. These assets are valued on two different bases: the Actuarial Value and the Market Value.

#### Actuarial Value of Assets

For purposes of determining ongoing costs, the recognition of gains and losses is spread over five years. The resulting value is called the Actuarial Value of Assets and is further adjusted as necessary so that the final actuarial value is within 20% (plus or minus) of the market value of assets.

#### Market Value of Assets

The Market Value of Assets represents the "snapshot" or "cash-out" value of SERS assets as of the valuation date. In addition, the Market Value of Assets provides a reference point to compare to current accrued liabilities.

The following tables present information regarding the actuarial and market values of SERS assets as of June 30, 2005.

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# TABLE II-1

# Market Value of Assets Summary of Fund Transactions

	July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004*	July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005
Market Value as of July 1	\$6,991,626,215	\$7,677,392,663
Contributions		
State	366,730,112	403,316,568
Federal	103,602,832	115,447,400
Employee	47,632,219	51,721,944
Total	517,965,163	570,485,912
Investment Income Net of Expenses		
Interest & Dividends	312,755,044	329,827,411
Realized Gains	49,503,590	1,948,218
Change in Unrealized Gains	674,046,383	454,670,655
Expenses	(338,592)	(460,441)
Total	1,035,966,425	785,985,843
Disbursements		•
Benefit Payments	862,208,447	882,375,233
Employee Refunds	5,956,693_	5,186,816
Total	868,165,140	887,562,049
Market Value as of June 30	7,677,392,663	8,146,302,369
Approximate Net Rate of Return	15.20%	10.45%

<sup>\*</sup> Finalized figures; 2004 report was based on preliminary figures.

# TABLE II-2

# Market Value of Assets Breakdown on June 30, 2005

The following is the Market Value of the State Employees Retirement Fund assets as reported to us by the Retirement Division:

	Amount	% of Total
Cash	(\$29,017,298)	-0.36%
Accrued Interest	0	0.00%
Investments:		
Cash Reserve Account	188,183,013	2.31%
Mutual Fixed Income Fund	2,409,205,362	29.57%
Mutual Equity Fund	3,132,797,949	38.46%
Real Estate Fund	153,803,455	1.89%
International Stock Fund	1,730,172,441	21.24%
Commercial Mortgage Fund	7,812,593	0.10%
Venture Capital Fund	553,344,854	6.79%
Total Market Value as of June 30, 2005	8,146,302,369	100.00%

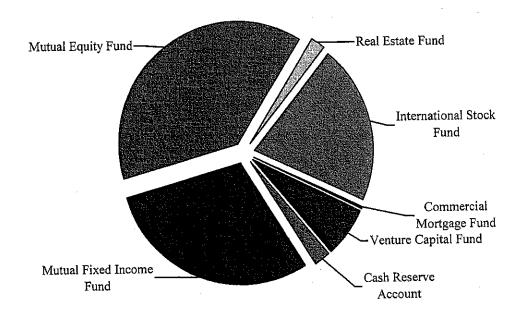


TABLE II-3

Revised 2003-2004 Development of Actuarial Value of Assets

	Market Value	Actuarial Value
1. Value on July 1, 2003	\$6,991,626,215	\$8,058,586,633
2. Contributions during 2003-04	517,965,163	517,965,163
3. Benefit Payments during 2003-04	868,165,140	868,165,140
4. Expected Income on (1) through (3)*	580,845,802	671,537,438
5. Expected Value on June 30, 2004: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	7,222,272,040	8,379,924,094
6. Market Value on June 30, 2004	7,677,392,663	N/A
7. Market - Actuarial Value on June 30, 2004	N/A	(702,531,431)
8. Preliminary Actuarial Value: (5) + 20% of (7)	N/A	8,239,417,808
9. Final Value on June 30, 2004: (8) within +/- 20% of Market Value		8,239,417,808

<sup>\*</sup> Interest on benefits and contributions is credited on a monthly basis.

TABLE II-4

2004-2005 Development of Actuarial Value of Assets

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	Market Value	Actuarial Value
1. Value on July 1, 2004	\$7,677,392,663	\$8,239,417,808
2. Contributions during 2004-05	570,485,912	570,485,912
3. Benefit Payments during 2004-05	887,562,049	887,562,049
4. Expected Income on (1) through (3)*	640,407,408	688,179,546
5. Expected Value on June 30, 2005: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	8,000,723,934	8,610,521,217
6. Market Value on June 30, 2005	8,146,302,369	N/A
7. Market - Actuarial Value on June 30, 2005	N/A	(464,218,848)
8. Preliminary Actuarial Value: (5) + 20% of (7)	N/A	8,517,677,447
9. Final Value on June 30, 2005: (8) within +/- 20% of Market Value		8,517,677,447

<sup>\*</sup> Interest on benefits and contributions is credited on a monthly basis.

<u>TABLE II-5</u>

Development of Asset Gain/(Loss)

- -	Market Value	Actuarial Value
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2. Contributions during 2004-05	570,485,912	570,485,912
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5. Expected Value on June 30, 2005: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	8,000,723,934	8,610,521,217
6. Actual Value on June 30, 2005	8,146,302,369	8,517,677,447
7. Actual Income	785,985,843	595,335,776
8. Asset Gain/(Loss): (7) - (4)	145,578,435	(92,843,770)
9. Approximate Rate of Return as of June 30, 2005	10.45%	7.37%
10. Approximate Rate of Return as of June 30, 2004	15.20%	6.74%
11. Change	-4.75%	0.63%

<sup>\*</sup> Interest on benefits and contributions is credited on a monthly basis.

SECTION III

SERS LIABILITIES

# CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM SERS LIABILITIES

In this section we present values assigned to the liabilities of SERS.

The actuarial funding method used to determine SERS costs is based on the Projected Unit Credit method. A more detailed description of this method can be found in Appendix C.

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TABLE III-1

SERS Liabilities on Valuation Date

_	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005
Tier I Actives			
Hazardous Duty	\$233,659,790	\$251,928,889	\$245,045,100
Plan B	1,925,959,031	2,130,582,344	2,332,697,761
Plan C	92,457,238	98,687,446	105,519,280
Total	2,252,076,059	2,481,198,679	2,683,262,141
Tier II Actives			
Hazardous Duty	984,187,088	1,217,383,750	1,346,710,132
All Others	1,317,824,234	1,570,061,334	1,763,261,178
Total	2,302,011,322	2,787,445,084	3,109,971,310
Tier IIA Actives			
Hazardous Duty	68,123,495	104,714,816	135,338,680
All Others	99,320,544	163,543,862	221,686,969
Total	167,444,039	268,258,678	357,025,649
Total Actives	4,721,531,420	5,536,902,441	6,150,259,100
Retirees			
Pre-1980	381,547,332	358,855,480	335,059,010
1980-1997 Fixed COLA	5,420,741,946	5,404,795,189	5,380,973,170
1997+ Variable COLA	3,464,704,680	3,646,211,236	3,924,728,024
Total	9,266,993,958	9,409,861,905	9,640,760,204
Deferred Vesteds	235,261,026	181,737,771	196,527,357
Total Actuarial Liability	14,223,786,404	15,128,502,117	15,987,546,661

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# APPENDIX A

SUMMARY STATISTICS ON SERS MEMBERSHIP

#### TABLE A-1

# Summary of Active Membership Data

We received data on a total of 48,993 eligible active members for our June 30, 2005 valuation. Of the active records submitted to us, 74 (0.2%) were rejected due to missing or invalid dates of birth and/or hire. Cost calculations were not revised to reflect these records. The following analysis compares this data with prior years' data.

	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005
Total Employees	46,964	47,926	48,919
Total Earnings (\$ millions)	\$2,654.3	\$2,816.7	\$2,980.1
Average Earnings	56,517	58,772	60,919

Earnings figures as of July 1 are actual amounts paid during the previous July 1 to June 30 period; new entrant earnings are annualized.

These figures are broken down by Plan on the following page.

<u>TABLE A-2a</u>

Detail of Active Membership Data by Plan

		~ 40 4004	7 20 2005
	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005
Number of Members			
Tier I Hazardous Duty	548	511	462
Tier I Plan B	7,633	7,528	7,408
Tier I Plan C	380	365	355
Tier II Hazardous Duty	6,437	6,310	6,080
Tier II Others	19,382	18,816	18,372
Tier IIA Hazardous Duty	2,491	2,827	3,238
Tier IIA Others	10,093	11,569	13,004
Total	46,964	47,926	48,919
Total Annual Compensation (\$ Millions)			
Tier I Hazardous Duty	\$40.4	\$41.1	\$38.7
Tier I Plan B	527.2	542.8	558.4
Tier I Plan C	23.9	23.4	23.8
Tier II Hazardous Duty	391.4	416.9	419.0
Tier II Others	1,097.2	1,127.7	1,157.2
Tier IIA Hazardous Duty	127.2	153.3	177.4
Tier IIA Others	447.0	511.5	605.6
Total	2,654.3	2,816.7	2,980.1
Average Compensation			
Tier I Hazardous Duty	\$73,777	\$80,344	\$83,846
Tier I Plan B	69,065	72,106	75,376
Tier I Plan C	62,784	64,167	66,944
Tier II Hazardous Duty	60,806	66,075	68,911
Tier II Others	56,607	59,932	62,985
	51,069	54,218	54,797
Tier IIA Others	44,289	44,217	46,573
Total	56,517	58,772	60,919
Tier II Others Tier IIA Hazardous Duty Tier IIA Others	56,607 51,069 44,289	59,932 54,218 44,217	62,985 54,797 46,573

TABLE A-2b

Detail of Active Membership Data by Plan

		× 20 2001	T 20 2005
	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005
Average Age			
Tier I Hazardous Duty	48.8	49.7	50.6
Tier I Plan B	50.3	51.2	52.2
Tier I Plan C	52.7	53.3	54.2
Tier II Hazardous Duty	41.9	42.8	43.7
Tier II Others	45.8	46.7	47.6
Tier IIA Hazardous Duty	35.2	35.9	36.5
Tier IIA Others	40.0	40.4	41.0
Total	44.3	44.8	45.4
Average Service			•
Tier I Hazardous Duty	21.6	22.8	23.5
Tier I Plan B	23.9	24.7	25.6
Tier I Plan C	24.8	25.5	26.3
Tier II Hazardous Duty	12.1	13.0	13.9
Tier II Others	13.0	13.9	14.8
Tier IIA Hazardous Duty	3.3	3.8	4.2
Tier IIA Others	3.1	3.4	3.8
Total	12.2	12.5	12.9

<u>TABLE A-3</u>
Summary of Inactive Membership Data

	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005
Retired Pre-1980			
Number	4,512	4,111	3,748
Total Annual Benefits (\$ 000s)	\$57,783	\$56,582	\$53,088
Average Annual Benefit	12,807	13,764	14,164
Retired 1980-1997, Fixed COLA			
Number	23,211	22,688	22,140
Total Annual Benefits (\$ 000s)	\$516,404	\$536,741	\$540,750
Average Annual Benefit	22,248	23,657	24,424
Retired 1997+, Variable COLA			
Number	9,328	9,950	10,817
Total Annual Benefits (\$ 000s)	\$262,582	\$287,448	\$312,388
Average Annual Benefit	28,150	28,889	28,879
Total Retired Members			
Number	37,051	36,749	36,705
Total Annual Benefits (\$ 000s)	\$836,768	\$880,771	\$906,226
Average Annual Benefit	22,584	23,967	24,689
Terminated Vested Members			
Number	1,677	1,744	1,750
Total Annual Benefits (\$ 000s)	\$24,481	\$23,197	\$24,357
Average Annual Benefit	14,598	13,301	13,918

TABLE A-4

# Reconciliation of Changes in Membership

	Active Members	Deferred Vested Members	Retired Members	Disabled Members	Beneficiaries	Total Members
Count as of July 1, 2004	47,926	1,744	30,345	2,938	3,466	86,419
Changed status within System					į	c
to active status	37	(33)	(2)	0	(2)	0
to deferred vested status	(89)	89	0	0	0	0
to retired status	(450)	(83)	533	0	0	0
to disabled status	(179)	(2)		177	m	0
to beneficiary status	(3)	0	(15)	0	18	0
Left System	(1,942)	(23)	(936)	(121)	(179)	(3,201)
Entered System	3,598	79	131	73	275	4,156
Count as of June 30, 2005	48,919	1,750	30,057	3,067	3,581	87,374

# APPENDIX B

SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

This summary of plan provisions is based on our understanding of the benefits as described by the Connecticut General Statutes, summary plan descriptions, and the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System. It is intended only to describe the essential features of the plan. All eligibility requirements and benefit amounts shall be determined in strict accordance with the plan document itself. To the extent that this summary does not accurately reflect the plan provisions, then the results of this valuation may not be accurate.

# 1. Membership

<u>Tier I [Sec. 5-160]:</u> Each state employee appointed to classified service shall become a member on the first day of the pay period following permanent appointment.

Each officer elected by the people and each appointee of such officer exempt from classified service may elect to become a member, effective on the first day of the pay period following receipt of such election.

Each other state employee exempt from classified service shall become a member on the first day of the pay period following six months of employment.

Except as noted below, employees hired prior to July 1, 1984 could elect (no later than January 2, 1984) to be covered under either Plan B or Plan C. Employees under contracts with Union Independent and CSEA unions hired prior to October 1, 1982 had until October 1, 1984 to make such election.

<u>Tier II [Sec. 5-192e]:</u> Tier II consists of employees first joining the retirement system on or after July 1, 1984 plus employees hired between July 1, 1982 and January 1, 1984 who elected Tier II. Each state employee becomes a member on the first day of employment.

<u>Tier IIA:</u> Tier IIA consists of employees first joining the retirement system on or after July 1, 1997.

#### 2. Normal Retirement Eligibility

Tier I - Hazardous Duty [Sec. 5-173]: 20 years of credited service.

<u>Tier I - Plans B and C [Sec. 5-162]:</u> The earliest of age 55 with 25 years of service, age 65 with 10 years of service, or age 70 with 5 years of service.

<u>Tier II [Sec. 5-1921] and Tier IIA:</u> The earliest of age 62 with 10 years of vesting service (effective July 1, 1992), age 60 with 25 years of vesting service, age 70 with 5 years of vesting service, or age 62 with 5 years of actual state service for terminations on or after July 1, 1997. Hazardous duty members may retire after 20 years.

#### 3. Normal Retirement Benefit

<u>Final Average Earnings:</u> The average salary of the three highest paid years of service. Commencing January 1, 1986, no one year's earnings can be greater than 130% of the average of the preceding two years in calculating the Final Average Earnings.

<u>Tier I - Hazardous Duty [Sec. 5-173]:</u> 50% of Final Average Earnings plus 2% for each year of service in excess of 20.

<u>Tier I Plan B [Sec. 5-162]:</u> Same as Plan C up to age 65; thereafter 1% of Final Average Earnings up to \$4,800 plus 2% of Final Average Earnings in excess of \$4,800 times years of service. At age 70, greater of 1.25% of Final Average Earnings up to \$4,800 plus 2.5% of Final Average Earnings in excess of \$4,800 times years of service (maximum 20 years) or 1.0% of Final Average Earnings up to \$4,800 plus 2% of Final Average Earnings in excess of \$4,800 times years of service. Minimum benefit with 25 years is \$833.34 per month.

<u>Tier I Plan C [Sec. 5-162]:</u> 2% of Final Average Earnings times years of service. At age 70, greater of 2.5% of Final Average Earnings time years of service (maximum 20 years) or 2.0% of Final Average Earnings times years of service. Minimum benefit with 25 years is \$833.34 per month.

<u>Tier II Hazardous Duty Members [Sec. 5-192n] and Tier IIA:</u> 2.5% of Final Average Earnings times up to 20 years of service plus 2% of Final Average Earnings times years of service in excess of 20 years, if any. Minimum benefit with 25 years is \$360 per month.

Tier II All Other [Sec. 5-1921] and Tier IIA: 11/3% of Final Average Earnings plus ½% of Final Average Earnings in excess of the year's breakpoint\*, times up to 35 years of service from October 1, 1982 plus 15/8% of Final Average Earnings times years of service in excess of 35 years, if any. Minimum benefit with 25 years is \$360 per month.

\* \$10,700 increased by 6% each year after 1982, rounded to the nearest \$100, but not greater than Social Security Covered Compensation.

#### 4. Early Retirement

*<u>Tier I - Hazardous Duty:</u>* None.

<u>Tier I [Sec. 5-162]:</u> Age 55 with 10 years of service; benefit is Normal Retirement Benefit reduced for retirement prior to age 65 with less than 25 years of service.

<u>Tier II [Sec. 5-192m] and Tier IIA:</u> Age 55 with 10 years of vesting service; benefit is Normal Retirement Benefit reduced 1/4% (effective July 1, 1991) for each month prior to age 60 if at least 25 years of service or age 62 if at least 10 but less than 25 years of service. Minimum benefit with 25 years of service is \$360 per month.

#### 5. <u>Deferred Retirement</u>

*Tier I [Sec. 5-162]:* May be deferred but not beyond age 70.

<u>Tier II [Sec. 5-1921] and Tier IIA:</u> May be deferred but not beyond age 70. Benefit is based on salary and service to actual retirement.

#### 6. <u>Vesting</u>

<u>Tier I [Sec. 5-166]:</u> Ten years of service; benefit is payable at Normal Retirement Age or an early retirement benefit is payable at age 55; in addition employees are always fully vested in their own contributions (after January 1, 1983, Tier I contributions with 5% interest from January 1, 1982).

Tier I - Hazardous Duty [Sec. 5-173(f)]: As above.

<u>Tier II [Sec. 5-1920] and Tier IIA:</u> Effective July 1, 1997, 5 years of actual state service, 10 years of vesting service, or age 70 with 5 years of service; benefit is payable at Normal Retirement Age or an early retirement benefit is payable at age 55. In addition employees are always fully vested in their own contributions with 5% interest.

#### 7. <u>Member Contributions</u>

Tier I - Hazardous Duty [Sec. 5-161] 4% of earnings up to the Social Security

Taxable Wage Base plus 5% of earnings

above that level.

<u>Tier I - Plan B [Sec. 5-161]</u> 2% of earnings up to the Social Security

Taxable Wage Base plus 5% of earnings

above that level.

*Tier I - Plan C [Sec. 5-161]* 5% of earnings.

Tier II - All Other [Sec. 5-192u] None.

Tier II - Hazardous Duty [Sec. 5-192u] 4% of earnings.

<u>Tier I – All other</u> 2% of earnings.

*Tier IIA – Hazardous Duty* 5% of earnings.

#### 8. <u>Cost of Living</u>

[Sec. 5-162b, 5-162d]: Annual adjustment each July 1 of up to 5% for retirements prior to July 1, 1980; 3% for retirements after July 1, 1980. For members (or beneficiaries) not covered by Social Security and age 62 and over, the maximum increase is 6%. If an actuarial surplus (as defined in the law) exists, the Commission may further increase retired benefits.

For employees retiring after June 30, 1999, the annual adjustment will be 60% of the increase in the CPI up to 6% and 75% of the increase in the CPI over 6%. This adjustment will be no less than 2.5% and no greater than 6%. Employees retiring between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1999 made an irrevocable choice between this formula and a fixed 3% annual adjustment.

<u>Tier IIA:</u> An employee must have at least ten years of actual state service or directly make the transition into retirement in order to be eligible for annual adjustments.

# 9. <u>Death Benefits</u>

<u>Tier I - State Police [Sec. 5-146]:</u> Survivor benefits to spouse of \$670 per month plus \$300 to a surviving dependent child (or \$700 to surviving dependent children).

<u>Tier I [Sec. 5-165a]</u>: If eligible for early or normal retirement, spouse benefit is equal to 50% of the average of the Life Benefit and the 50% Joint & Survivor Benefit the member would have received. If not eligible to retire but 25 years of service, the same benefit calculated as though age 55 using service and earnings at death.

[Sec. 5-168]: If not eligible for retirement, return of contributions (after October 1, 1982, Tier I, with interest from January 1, 1982 at 5%).

<u>Tier II [Sec. 5-192r] and Tier IIA:</u> If eligible for early or normal retirement, spouse benefit is equal to 50% of the member's benefit under a 50% Joint & Survivor Annuity. If not eligible to retire but 25 years of service, the same benefit calculated as though age 55 using service and earnings at death. If not eligible for retirement, return of contributions with 5% interest.

<u>Tiers I [Sec. 5-144]</u>, <u>II [Sec. 5-192t] and IIA</u>: If death is due to employment, a spouse with dependent children under 18 will be paid \$100,000 in 10 annual installments while living and not remarried; also \$50 per month per child under age 18. If no children under age 18, spouse [or dependent parent(s), if no spouse] will be paid \$50,000 in not less than 10 annual installments.

#### 10. Disability Benefits

Tier I [Sec. 5-142, 5-169, 5-173]: For non-service disabilities occurring prior to age 60 with at least 5 years of service, benefit is 3% of Final Average Earnings times years of service; maximum benefit is 12/3% of Final Average Earnings times years of service projected to age 65. If disability occurs prior to age 60 and is due to service, benefit is 12/3% of Salary times years of service projected to age 65 (maximum 30 years) and is payable regardless of length of service. Exception: State Police benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit if more than 20 years of service. State Police receive an additional benefit of \$360 per month plus \$300 to spouse plus \$300 to a surviving dependent child (or \$700 to surviving dependent children).

If in-service disability occurs after the member is eligible for a non-service disability, the member receives the greater of the in-service and non-service disability benefits.

<u>Tier II [5-192p] and Tier IIA:</u> Prior to age 65 and due to service or with at least 10 years of service, benefit is 11/3% of Final Average Earnings plus 1/2% of Final Average Earnings in excess of the year's breakpoint, times service projected to age 65 (maximum 30 years) or service to Date of Disability if greater.

<u>Tier I, II, and IIA:</u> Maximum disability benefit is the lesser of 100% of salary less Workers Compensation, Social Security and non-rehabilitation earnings, or 80% of salary less Workers Compensation and Social Security. Social Security is primary plus family.

Minimum disability benefit including Workers Compensation and Social Security is 60% of salary.

#### 11. Optional Forms of Payment

50% or 100% Joint and Survivor (Normal Form if married at least 12 months). Ten years certain and life. Twenty years certain and life. Life (Normal Form if not married at least 12 months).

# 12. Part-Time Employment

[Sec. 5-162g & Sec. 5-192k]: Service is treated as if full-time for eligibility. If member is consistently part-time for all periods, service is treated as if full-time. If member has a varying schedule or some part-time and some full-time service, service and salary are proportionately adjusted.

# APPENDIX C

ACTUARIAL METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS

# CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

#### A. Funding Method

The actuarial valuation method used is the *Projected Unit Credit Cost Method*. Recommended annual contributions until the actuarial liability is completely funded will consist of two pieces: Normal Cost plus a payment towards the Unfunded Actuarial Liability.

The Actuarial Liability is determined directly as the present value of benefits accrued to date, where the accrued benefits for each Member is the pro-rata portion (based on service to date) of the *projected* benefit payable at death, disability, retirement or termination. The Normal Cost is then similarly determined as the present value of the portion of the *projected* benefit attributable to the current year.

The Actuarial Value of Assets is determined by first projecting the Actuarial Value forward from the beginning of the prior fiscal year based on the actual cash flow during the fiscal year and the assumed interest rate. The difference between this expected actuarial value and the actual market value is recognized over a five year period, subject to the Actuarial Value remaining within +/- 20% of the Market Value.

The Unfunded Actuarial Liability is the Actuarial Liability less the Actuarial Value of Assets.

# CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

# B., Actuarial Assumptions

Interest Rate	8.50%	•	
Payroll Growth Rate	5.00%		
Salary Scale	Years of Service  0 1 2 3 4 5 10 15 20 25	Rate 15.00 15.00 10.00 7.00 6.50 6.00 5.50 4.25 4.25	
COLA	Group Pre July 1, 1980 Retirees 1980 – 1997 Retirees Post July 1, 1997 Retirees	<u>Rate</u> 3.75 3.00 2.75	
Taxable Wage Base Growth	3.50%		
Healthy Mortality	1994 Group Annuity Mortality	y Table.	
	80% of active members are assumed to be married with an average from two children who are on average age 12; female spouses assumed to be three years younger than male spouses.		
	20% of pre-retirement deaths	are assumed to be service related.	
	State Police are assumed to	comprise 50% of Tier I Hazardous	

80% of PBGC Disabled Mortality with Soc. Security for Males

60% of PBGC Disabled Mortality with Soc. Security for Females

employees.

Disabled Mortality

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#### Turnover

Retirement

Ten year select and ultimate rates as shown below for non-hazardous employees; the same table with rates multiplied by a factor of 40% for hazardous employees.

		Years of Service					
	<u>Age</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6-9</u>	<u>10+</u>
	20	40	30	20	15	5	5.0
	25	30	20	10	8	5	5.0
	30	25	20	10	8	5	4.2
	35	25	20	10	8	5	3.0
	40	25	20	10	8	5 .	2.6
	45	25	20	10	8	5	2.0
	50	25	20	10	8	5	1.2
	55	25	20	10	8	5	0.0
	60	25	20	10	8	5	0.0
	<u>Age</u>		<u>First Ye</u>	ear Eliz	gible	All Ot	<u>her Ages</u>
	Thru 44			25			15
Hazardous	45-48			25			20
n.q	49-53			10			20
aza	54-55			10			25
H	56-59			10			40
	60-69			25			40
	70			100			100
			First Ye	ear Eli	gi <u>ble</u>	<u>All Ot</u>	her Ages
			Reduced		educed		
	<u>Age</u>		<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Ben</u>	efits *		
	55	-	17.5	1	5.0		12.5
	56-60		15.0	1	5.0		12.5
ers	61		25.0	2	25.0		15.0
Zth.	62		40.0	3	0.0		30.0
All Others	63		35.0	3	5.0		25.0
T	64		45.0	4	5.0		25.0
	65		65.0	6	55.0		40.0

<sup>\*</sup> These rates also apply for Tier I Plan B and Tier I Plan C members upon attainment of age 60 with at least 10 years of service.

60.0

100.0

66-69

70

65.0

100.0

40.0 100.0

# CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

#### Disability

In-service Hazardous - 0.11% at all ages

All Others - 0.03% at all ages

Non-service 25% of United Auto Workers Disability Table

To take into account State Police supplemental benefits and the offsets for Workers Compensation, social security, and non-rehabilitation earnings, the following minimum and maximum benefits (as a percent of salary) are valued:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Tier I State Police	60%	80%
All other members	40%	60%

#### Member Data Processing

Service for active members is based on the continuous date of hire reported to us and is adjusted to reflect any periods of purchased service that are reported to us. For purposes of Tier II and IIA vesting and retirement eligibility, we have reflected the five year requirement (which applies to actual state service) rather than the ten year requirement (which applies to vesting service).

Active members who are on a leave of absence or out on Workers Compensation are not reported to us. We have not included an additional liability for such members who may have accrued benefits and may resume employment in the future.

Terminated vested members are reported to us only if they have made an application for benefits to the Retirement Division. We have not included an additional liability for members who have terminated with a vested benefit who may apply for benefits in the future.

For terminated vested members for whom a benefit was not provided, we have estimated benefits based on their date of hire and termination and the average salaries of active members in the prior valuation.

For retired Tier I Plan B members who are not yet age 65, we are supplied with the current benefit amount; we assume that the benefit will be reduced on average by \$750 per year at age 65.

Beneficiaries of retired members receiving contingent annuities are assumed to be the opposite gender of the retired member; females are assumed to be three years younger than males.